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**MAYOR, TOWN COUNCIL ATTEND LEGISLATIVE DAY
AT STATE CAPITOL**
Meetings with Governor, Town's Representatives in General Assembly

Richmond, VA (February 2, 2007) – Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis and the Herndon Town Council traveled to Richmond yesterday for the annual Virginia Municipal League/Virginia Association of Counties Legislative Day, an opportunity for local government officials to meet with members of the Virginia General Assembly in formal and informal settings.

“The day represented an excellent opportunity for the Council and me to demonstrate our unity at the state level, to talk to our representatives about issues that impact Herndon residents and to gain additional insight into the workings of the state legislature,” said DeBenedittis.

In particular, DeBenedittis credited Town Attorney Richard B. Kaufman, who accompanied the Mayor and Council to Richmond, for the day's success. “Richard's assistance, contacts and expert counsel contributed significantly to the day's structure and successful outcome,” he said.

A luncheon hosted by the sponsoring organizations and attended by the Herndon elected officials featured a keynote address by Governor Timothy M. Kaine. “I spoke with him briefly after the meeting, touching on issues of import to our citizens, and he thanked me for sending him a Herndon Town Calendar,” said DeBenedittis. Councilmembers also met with Virginia State Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Tom Rust, and they attended a press conference focusing on transportation issues specific to Northern Virginia.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

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